Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0033] with the following paragraph:

-- [0033] Once the closest call signaling and media proxy server has been selected, the retail VoIP computer system 14 sets up (100) (110) the call using an associated call signaling proxy. A call is broadly defined as an association between a number of participants. A signaling association between a pair of participants is referred to as a connection. There are no physical channel or network resources associated with a connection; the connection exists only as signaling state at the two end points. A session generally refers to a single Real Time Transport Protocol (RTP) session carrying a single media type. Call signaling is used to establish the connection between two endpoints. This connection is typically achieved by exchanging protocol messages on a call-signaling channel. The call-signaling channel is opened between two endpoints. --